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**Petrohawk Energy Corporation – Haynesville Shale Drilling Site,
Township 17 North, Range 13 West**

February 23, 2009 – Having completed nearly twenty wells in the newly discovered Haynesville Shale throughout Bossier, DeSoto, Red River and Caddo parishes; Petrohawk Energy Corporation is beginning construction on a future Haynesville Shale well site on the Hamel property near Clyde Fant Parkway.

“This will be the first urban test of the Haynesville Shale beneath the City of Shreveport,” said Joan Dunlap, Vice President. “With this test we should have a good idea of the rock quality and thickness of the shale beneath the city. We look forward to promptly sharing the results of these tests with the citizens of Shreveport.”

The well site will be located in the Shreveport city limits, behind Hamel’s Park between 70th Street and Clyde Fant Parkway. Petrohawk’s activities are regulated by the Department of Natural Resources and Office of Conservation and the company is working in cooperation with the City of Shreveport on issues related to urban drilling. The site will be fenced and will have 24-hour security.

Petrohawk has drilled hundreds of natural gas wells in Northwest Louisiana and our personnel have been operating in the area for over a decade. Petrohawk’s success in drilling Haynesville Shale wells has been noteworthy in our industry. A map of our Haynesville Shale drilling locations and well results can be found in our current corporate presentation on our website, www.petrohawk.com.

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Petrohawk is first and foremost committed to safety. In the interest of safety, we ask that interested parties refrain from visiting the well site unescorted. For more information, please contact Joan Dunlap with Petrohawk at (832) 204-2737. This company representative is in direct communication with supervisors at the site and all regulatory entities.

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